Statement

C.I.F. price of Rifampicin of last five consignments

1. Rs. 2049.46 pe kg.
2. Rs. 2049.46 per kg.
3. Rs. 2247.35 per kg.
4. Rs. 2049.46 per kg.
5. Rs. 2093.86 per kg.

Drugs' required under National Health Programme

1559. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4229 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry was required to draw up a list of drugs required for National Health Programmes;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rifampicin is required for the National Health Programme and so far no company is producing this drug from basic stages in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that present production from penultimates involves large outgo of foreign exchange *vis-a-vis* import of the drug.

(d) what are the conditions; and safeguards suggested in its shifting from category I to category II; and

(e) what are the reasons, basis and justification to overtep its authority in taking this anti-consumer decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Foreign exchange involvement in production of the drug is not monitored by the Ministry.

(d) and (e) Recommendations for reclassification was made on the advice of the Directorate General of Health Services to encourage local production from the basic stage. The Company has given an Assurance that for the purpose of Government purchases it is prepared to supply at the rates stipulated for Category I drugs.

1560. [Cancelled]

Inclusion of Mental Health Programme in National Health Programme

1561. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1202 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry informed that Mental Health Programme falls under National Health Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that his ministry intimated the drugs which are needed for Mental Health Programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not forwarded this programme to expert committee for identification of drugs needed for National Health Programmes under Category-I;

(d) whether it is a fact that his ministry recommended for price decontrol of drugs needed for Mental Health Programme; and

(e) if so, by when the decision is likely to be reversed and committee informed to identify drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) The National Mental Health Programme as approved by the Government, in its essence, aims at promoting Community Mental health services at primary health care level through health education and training of peripheral level health workers. The intention is to have an integrated

programme alongwith other health programmes. Since the National Mental Health Programme has not been categorised as National Health Programme, the question of placing the drugs needed for curing Mental illness under category-I does not arise.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Drugs tested by Govt. Drugs Laboratories

1562. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

SHRI JAGESH DESAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation receives a copy of the test report on drug tested by any Government Drug Laboratory in India;

(b) whether any action is taken on the test report by this organisation and within how many days in each case;

(c) how many such test reports were received in the last three years, year-wise and the nature of action taken on them;

(d) what are the details of test reports in each case during last three years, year-wise; and

(e) how many were found to be of sub-standard quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, the Government Analysts receive samples of drugs drawn by the Drugs Inspectors of States and the Centre. After testing, the Government Analysts are required to send signed reports in triplicate in the prescribed Form. Normally a copy of such report is sent by the Government Analysts to the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, New Delhi. These reports are forwarded by the Office of the Drugs Controller, India to the concerned Zonal Offices of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation for follow up action with the State Drugs Controller where the manufacturer is located.

(c) to (e) As per the available information with this Ministry, the total number of samples tested and found substandard for the years 1984-85, 85-86 and 86-87 are given below:

Year	Number of samples tested	Number of samples found sub-standard
1984-85	18504	3532
1985-86	19035	2705
1986-87	28382	4066

Testing of Sera and Vaccines samples

1563. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that samples of Sera and Vaccines are not tested in adequate number in the Central and State Laboratory.

(b) whether the dealers of Sera and Vaccines, being aware of the lack of testing facilities, market these products without ensuring cold storage conditions;

(c) whether any study, in this matter has been made; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to remove the deficiencies in testing facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, the Central Research Institute, Kasauli has been notified as the statutory laboratory for testing of all sera and vaccines. It is, however not a fact that samples of sera and vaccines are not tested in adequate numbers in this laboratory.